

RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

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TO: Peter Dunsavage (6AEPP)

FROM: Dr. Parker
La Marque, TX
713-WE5-2477

DATE 07/26/78

TIME pm

SUBJECT

McGinnis Industrial Maintenance Corp.

TX4910 7/21/78

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

Dr. Parker stated decisively he wants a meeting with EPA and an on-site investigation conducted by EPA of this facility located near Galveston. Hopefully, this meeting will avoid all of us going to court according to Dr. Parker. Parker stated that he wrote EPA on January 7, 1976 requesting that he be given an opportunity for an open hearing on this permit application since he is completely opposed to it. Did anyone investigate the McGinnis barge that sank in this area? who handles these spill investigations in EPA? I stated that the S&A Division handles spills. Who in S&A? I told Dr. Parker he could contact Dr. Oscar Ramirez. Dr. Parker said he found out that a hearing was held in the Bank of the Southwest in Houston by the State of Texas on an apparent discharge application for this facility and he was not notified. Someone told him a hearing notice was published in the Houston Chronicle. This notice should have been published in the Galveston News since this facility is located in Galveston.

He strongly requests we meet with him at the McGinnis site with the complete file on this project. Parker also requests that EPA investigate who owns McGinnis Industrial Maintenance Corporation....Champion Paper, Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority, anyone else? The material being deposited contains a lot of mercury according to Dr. Parker. EPA does not have one bit of evidence showing that this mercury will not leach from the disposal site into other waters. What about groundwater? Is EPA allowing people to be poisoned? This should be treated as a criminal case. Dr. Parker wants EPA to show him beyond a reasonable doubt that this facility will not cause any pollution problems and is in the public interest. Dr. Parker concluded that he prefers to fight it out at the site rather than suing everyone individually or as an agency.

CONCLUSIONS, ACTION TAKEN OR REQUIRED

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